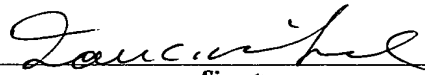
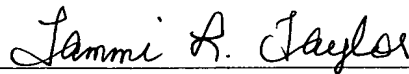
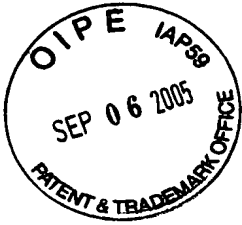


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Applicant(s): Joseph L. DiCesare and John T. McCaffrey					
Application No. 09/887,703	Filing Date 03/29/01	Examiner Jeffrey R. Snay	Customer No. 21036	Group Art Unit 1743	Confirmation No. 3422
Invention: POLYMERIC MEDIUM FOR THE RETENTION OF REAGENT SPECIES FOR USE IN A HAND-HELD DEVICE FOR THE RELATIVELY RAPID DETECTION OF THE PRESENCE OF AN ANALYTE OF INTEREST IN A SAMPLE					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27					
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)**

Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed  
July 14, 2005, Applicant amends and remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of  
Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.